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1 STATE OF MICHIGAN  
2 IN THE WAYNE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT - CRIMINAL DIVISION  
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4 PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN,  
5 Plaintiffs,  
6 v. No. 03-1609-01  
7 MICHON D. HOUSTON,  
8 Defendant.  
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10 Proceedings held before the HONORABLE VERA  
11 MASSEY JONES, Wayne County Circuit Court Criminal  
12 Division Judge, on Wednesday, February 5, 2003, at 1441  
13 St. Antoine, Detroit, Michigan.

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No exhibits offered

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1 Detroit, Michigan

2 Wednesday, February 5, 2003

3 At or about 9:13 a.m.

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5 THE CLERK: This is case No. 03-1609,  
6 People v. Michon Houston.

7 This matter is before the Court for  
8 arraignment on the Information.

9 He is charged with:

10 Count I, murder in the first degree.

11 Count II, felony firearm.

12 Count III, felon in possession of a  
13 firearm.

14 MR. LANKFORD: Good morning, David  
15 Lankford on behalf of Mr. Houston, your Honor.

16 We waive the formal reading and stand  
17 mute.

18 MR. HASSINGER: Rod Hassinger on  
19 behalf of the People. Good morning, your Honor.

20 THE COURT: Good morning.

21 I want to be sure I have a correct  
22 copy of the Information in the file.

23 The Information alleges the date of  
24 the offense as being September 6, 2002 at West  
25 Vernor, Vista and Linwood in the City of Detroit in

1 a vacant lot.

2 Count I alleges first degree  
3 premeditated murder. The alleged victim being a  
4 Carlton Thompson, which carries a maximum of life in  
5 prison -- well, premeditated natural life in prison.

6 Count II is possession of a firearm  
7 by a felon, which carries a maximum of five years in  
8 prison.

9 Count III is possession of felony  
10 firearm, which carries a mandatory two years, and  
11 that would have to be done before any time could be  
12 done on the underlying.

13 And there is a habitual offense  
14 fourth notice filed, which even makes, as I  
15 understand it, the possession of a firearm by a  
16 felon, it would increase the maximum on that to  
17 life.

18 Is that a correct copy of the  
19 Information?

20 MR. HASSINGER: I believe so, your  
21 Honor.

22 MR. LANKFORD: Yes, your Honor.

23 THE COURT: We'll order that a plea  
24 of not guilty be entered for the Defendant.

25 All motions for discovery will be

1 automatically allowed, as long as the order is  
2 signed by the prosecution.

3 Anything you cannot agree upon,  
4 please make it the subject of a separate motion.

5 All motions shall be time stamped and  
6 filed not later than February 28th. They'll be  
7 heard on March 7th, and the final conference will be  
8 conducted on March 14th.

9 This is a no reduced plea at this  
10 time?

11 MR. HASSINGER: That's correct,  
12 Judge.

13 THE COURT: Estimated number of  
14 people's witnesses?

15 MR. HASSINGER: Ten, your Honor.

16 THE COURT: Estimate number of  
17 defense witnesses?

18 MR. LANKFORD: Three, your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Any other cases pending  
20 against your client?

21 MR. LANKFORD: Yes, your Honor. We  
22 have a schedule trial on an assault with intent to  
23 murder involving this person on March 3rd in front  
24 of your Honor.

25 MR. HASSINGER: Judge, that's the

1 case, to refresh the Court's recollection, that we  
2 set another case on that date. I believe on Friday,  
3 and you told me to remind your Honor that we were  
4 going to reschedule that case.

5 THE COURT: Yes. We would rather try  
6 the first degree murder case first.

7 MR. LANKFORD: And when we were here  
8 last -- I don't have that file, but when we were  
9 here, I did inform the Court that he had a pending  
10 examination on the first degree --

11 THE COURT: Yes. We're not going to  
12 that March date, I've already filled it with  
13 something else.

14 MR. LANKFORD: Okay.

15 THE COURT: Okay.

16 MR. LANKFORD: All right.

17 THE COURT: I'm signing the Order  
18 granting discovery.

19 Are there any other matters you wish  
20 to bring to the Court's attention?

21 MR. LANKFORD: None by defense.

22 MR. HASSINGER: No, your Honor.

23 THE COURT: And the other case, we'll  
24 have to pull it. It will follow this one. So we'll  
25 have the final conference adjourned to March 14th.

1 MR. HASSINGER: Thank you, your  
2 Honor.

3 MR. LANKFORD: On the other matter as  
4 well, your Honor?

5 THE COURT: That's this case, March  
6 14th, and the other matter, March 14th.

7 MR. LANKFORD: Thank you.

8 MR. HASSINGER: Thank you, your  
9 Honor.

10 (Proceedings concluded at 9:22  
11 a.m.)  
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# CERTIFICATE

STATE OF MICHIGAN) )  
COUNTY OF WAYNE ) ss.

I, Lorraine H. Nagy, hereby certify that I reported the foregoing proceedings at the time and place hereinbefore set forth; that the same was later reduced to typewritten form; and that the foregoing is a true, full and correct transcript of said proceedings.

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